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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1633

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DEPT ALSO PASS CAIRO

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR PINS LE US

SUBJECT: 'ARAFAT EMBELLISHES 'BIG LIE'

1. IN COMMENTS QUOTED IN AT LEAST TWO BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS  
APR 13, YASIR 'ARAFAT RENEWED FEDAYEEN CHARGES OF US COM-  
PLICITY IN APR 10 ISRAELI RAID AND ADDED SOME NEW EMBELLISH-  
MENTS. FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS, AS THEY APPEARED IN IN-  
DEPENDENT AL BAYRAQ, FOLLOWS ( NON- ESSENTIAL WORDING ELIMINATED):  
BEGIN TEXT: 'ARAFAT SAID FORMER US AMB TO LEBANON ARMIN  
MEYER, WHO HAD BEEN SPECIALLY APPOINTED TO HEAD JOINT US CIA-  
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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TEAM WORKING WITH COORDINATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE TO COMBAT ALL PALESTINIANS EVERYWHERE, HAD PLANNED PLO REP HAMSHARI ASSASSINATION IN PARIS SHORT WHILE AGO. SAID THREE DAYS AFTER KHARTOUM OPERATION TOOK PLACE, US INTELLIGENCE INSPIRED REPORT IN WORLD NEWS MEDIA THAT IT HAD RECORDED VOICES OF 'ARAFAT AND SALAH KHALAF ALLEGEDLY PROVING THAT 'ARAFAT HAD ISSUED ORDERS FOR KILLING TWO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS. STRESSED THIS LEAK WAS PLOT TO JUSTIFY FUTURE EFFORT TO ASSASSINATE COMMANDER OF PALESTINE REVOLUTION. RE INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY AND US INTELLIGENCE IN ISRAELI APR 10 RAID ON BEIRUT AND DEATH OF THREE FEDAYEEN LEADERS, 'ARAFAT CLAIMED BLACK STATION WAGON BEARING EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC TAGS WAS STATIONED DURING ENTIRE OPERATION AT GAS STATION 50 METERS FROM KAMAL ABDWAN'S HOUSE IN VERDUN STREET. IT WAS SEEN TO CONTAIN FOUR ARMED MEN, ONE WOUNDED IN LEFT SHOULDER. SAID SAME CAR WAS LATER SEEN CARRYING ARMED MEN ON HAMRA STREET ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS AFTER OPERATION. "ONE OF OUR VEHICLES FOLLOWED THIS STATION WAGON IN DIRECTION OF AMERICAN EMBASSY. BARRICADE ERRECTED BY SECURITY FORCES NEAR EMBASSY IN AIN MERESSE QUARTER PERMITTED STATION WAGON TO PASS TO EMBASSY BUT PREVENTED OUR VEHICLE FROM FOLLOWING IT."

'ARAFAT EMPHASIZED THAT SPECIAL WEAPONS USED IN IDF OPERATION HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND BORE MARKING INDICATING THEY WERE MANUFACTURED BY MOSSBERG AND SONS, INC., NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. MODEL WAS "152 K CAL. 22 LONG RIFLE" HOLDING 20 ROUNDS. END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY ISSUING IMMEDIATE CATEGORIC DENIAL.  
BUFFUM

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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